(c) In the meanwhile, some of the steps taken for improving the viability of the PSEs are: manpower rationalization, strengthening of MoU system for close monitoring, reservation/assistance in securing orders, financial resrtructuring, financial assistance for capital investment, salary/wages etc.

National Capital Region Board

*531. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the National Capital Region Board was constituted;

(b) the composition of the Board;

(c) the terms and reference of the Board;

(d) the amount spent so far by the Board;

(e) whether the Board has failed in achieving its objectives;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the measures taken by Government to develop the NCR towns so as to reduce pressure of population in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) was constituted on 28.3.1985 as per the provisions of National Capital Region Planning Board Act, 1985.

(b) The National Capital Region Planning Board comprises of 21 Members and 10 Co-opted Members. A list of Members of the Board is enclosed as a Statement (*See* below).

(c) The National Capital Region Planning Board is responsible for preparation of a Plan for development of the National Capital Region and for coordinating and monitoring the implementation of such plan for evolving harmonized policies for the control of land-use and development of infrastructure in the National Capital Region so as to avoid any haphazard development of the region and for matters incidental thereto.

(d) The National Capital Region Planning Board has informed that a total amount of Rs. 1983.78 crore has been released so far in the form of interest bearing loan to the Governments of the participating States in the

NCR, their implementing agencies and to the Counter Magnet Areas for implementation of various projects.

(e) and (f) It is difficult to quantify the achievements *vis-a-vis* the objectives of the National Capital Region Planning Board. However, the effect of planning and development of an area in a regional context can be infrerred on empirical evidence that the rate of growth of population of National Capital Territory of Delhi has declined to 47.02% in the decade 1991-2001, as compared to the decennial growth rate of 52.44%, 52.99%, 53% and 51.45% in the decades1951-61, 1961-71, 1971-81, 1981-91 respectively.

(g) Development of six Delhi Metropolitan Area (DMA) towns and 11 Priority towns for absorbing Delhi bound migrants were envisaged in the Regional Plan-2001. Five Counter Magnet Areas were also identified. For development of infrastructure facilities in these areas, such as water supply, power, sewerage and drainage and roads and also creation of residential, industrial and commercial facilities so as to provide a boost to growth and development of these towns, the Board has provided loan assistance for implementation of projects. So far the Board has approved 200 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 8047.65 crores and loan component of Rs. 4253.72 crores. 101 projects have already been completed while 83 projects are at different stages of implementation. 16 projects were subsequently withdrawn. NCRPB has also facilitated preparation of project proposals intended to enhance connectivity in the Region such as Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressway, Integrated Rail-cum-Bus Transit System.

Statement

List of Members of the NCR Planning Board

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

1.	Union Minister for Urban Development	Chairman
2.	Lieutenant Governor, National Capital Territory of Delhi	Member
3.	Chief Minister, National Capital Territory of Delhi	Member
4.	Chief Minister, Haryana	Member
5.	Chief Minister, Rajasthan	Member
6.	Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh	Member
7.	Union Minister of Power, Government of India	Member
8.	Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology, Government of India	Member

9.	Union Minister for Railways, Government of India	Member
10.	Minister of State for Urban Development, Government of India	Member
11.	Minister for Town and Country Planning, Government of India	Member
12.	Minister for Urban Development, Government of Rajasthan	Member
13.	Minister for Urban Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh	Member
14.	Secretary, Urban Development, Government of India	Member
15.	Chief Secretary, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi	Member
16.	Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana	Member
17.	Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan	Member
18.	Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh	Member
19.	Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh	Member
20.	Chief Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Organisation	Member
21.	Member Secretary, National Capital Region Planning Board	Member Secretary

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

1. Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh
2. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Roads and Highways, Government of India.
4. Chairman, Railway Board, Government of India.
5. Principal Adviser (Housing and Urban Development), Planning Commission, Government of India.
6. Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority.
7. Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
8. Secretary, Department of Power, Government of India.
9. Secretary, Department of Urban Development and Housing, Government of Punjab.
10. Secretary, Department of Urban Development and Housing, Government of Madhya Pradesh.